



PATENT  
Customer No.: 22,852  
Attorney Docket No.: 08203.0005-03

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
)  
John BUTLER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
)  
Application No.: 10/635,017 ) Examiner: A. Ramana  
)  
Filed: August 6, 2003 )  
) Confirmation No.: 7577  
For: WOUND RETRACTOR )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE REPLY**

In response to the Notice, mailed April 3, 2007, that the Reply to Office Action ("Reply") filed on January 18, 2007 is not responsive to the previous Office Action of October 18, 2006, the period for response being extended to June 3, 2007 by the Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed herewith, Applicant respectfully submits that the Reply addresses each of the rejections stated in the previous Office Action. See Reply, pages 2-4. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Reply is responsive, and requests withdrawal of the Notice and the requests contained therein.

As an initial note, further to a recent interview with the Examiner in connection with another pending application by the same assignee, Applicant's representative urges the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at (202)408-4469 to discuss this case and any double patenting concerns the Examiner may have.